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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, PEKING, CAIRO AND TEL AVIV
FROM USUN NOV 10 REPEATED YOU:

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PEKING FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN VIEWS ON AGREEMENT

1. ASYG URQUHART TELEPHONED AMB SCALI TO BRING HIM
UP TO DATE ON LATEST INFO IN HANDSOF UN. UN HAD
RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM GENERAL SIILASVUO REPORTING
HIS MEETING WITH FAHMY AT 11 AM NOV 10 CAIRO TIME.
SIILASVUO HAS REPORTED THAT THERE ARE CLEARLY PROFOUND
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER AND WAR MINISTER
ABOUT THE AGREEMENT AND THE PROCEDURES TO BE
FOLLOWSED. FHMY TAKES A COMPLTELY DIFFERENT LINE
FOR WAR MINISTER AND INSISTS AGREEMENT BE SIGNED
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WITHOUT ALTERATIONS. FAHMY HAS GIVEN CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS
TO GENERAL GAMASY, EGYPTIAN CHIEF NEGOTIATOR.

2. FAHMY SHOWED SIILASVUO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WITH KISSINGER ON USE OF CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD. FAHMY SAID HIS INTERPRETATION HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY KISSINGER, THAT THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO ISRAELI MILITARY PRESENCE ON CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD AT ANY TIME. FAHMY TOOK POSITION THAT SIILASVUO MUST ACT AS ARBITRATOR AND INSURE ISRAELI NON-USE OF ROAD. SIILASVUO IN HIS REPORT TO UN HEADQUARTERS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT COULD HARDLY BE SAID THAT THE KISSINGER MEMORANDUM SUPPORTS THE FAHMY INTERPRETATION.

3. SIILASVUO ALSO REPORTED THAT EGYPTIAN WAR MINISTER IS APPARENTLY SATISFIED WITH DELAY IN SIGNING THE AGREEMENT SINCE IT WILL GIVE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT TIME TO STRAIGHTEN OUT ITS DIFFERENCES.

4. SCALI EXPLAINED TO URQUHART THAT WE HAD ACTED IMMEDIATELY ON HIS INFORMATION LAST EVENING. SECSTATE HAD TAKEN UP PROBLEM WITH FAHMY AND HAD RECEIVED FORTHCOMING RESPONSE. FAHMY'S POSITION WAS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF MEGUID HERE, AND MEGUID'S INFORMATION HAD APPARENTLY BEEN OUT OF DATE.

5. URQUHART SAID THAT SYG WAS IMMENSELY GRATEFUL TO USG AND TO SECSTATE FOR PROMPT INTERVENTION. HE IS IN BED TODAY SUFFERING FROM EXHAUSTION AND WAS TO TAKE ONLY ONE APPOINTMENT, RECEIVING ABBA EBAN THIS MORNING. URQUHART PROMISED SCALI TO KEEP IN TOUCH AND WORK CLOSELY WITH US.
SCALI

UNQUOTE RUSH

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